What is claimed is:

- 1. A method for bonding a fibrous substrate surface to a second substrate surface comprising:
 - (a) providing a catalyst at the fibrous substrate surface;
 - (b) contacting the catalyst on the fibrous substrate surface with a metathesizable material so that the metathesizable material undergoes a metathesis reaction; and
 - (c) contacting the fibrous substrate surface with a second substrate surface.

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- 2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the fibrous substrate comprises polyester, nylon or polyamide.
- 3. A method according to claim 2 wherein the second substrate surface comprises an elastomeric substrate.
 - 4. A method according to claim 3 wherein the elastomeric substrate is selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, polychloroprene, polybutadiene, polyisoprene, styrene-butadiene copolymer rubber, acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymer rubber, ethylene-propylene copolymer rubber, ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymer rubber, butyl rubber, brominated butyl rubber, alkylated chlorosulfonated polyethylene rubber, hydrogenated nitrile rubber, poly(n-butyl acrylate), thermoplastic elastomer and mixtures thereof.
- 5. A method according to claim 3 wherein the elastomeric substrate is natural rubber or ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymer rubber.
 - 6. A method according to claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises soaking the fibrous substrate in a catalyst solution and step (b) comprises dipping the catalyst-soaked fibrous substrate into a metathesizable material and allowing polymerization.
 - 7. A method according to claim 1 wherein step (c) comprises placing the fibrous substrate between two layers of second substrate surface in a mold and curing the second substrate surface with heat and pressure.

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- 8. A method according to claim 1 wherein the catalyst is dissolved or mixed into a liquid carrier fluid.
- 9. A method according to claim 1 wherein the catalyst is included as a component of the first fibrous substrate.
 - 10. A method according to claim 1 wherein the catalyst is selected from at least one of a rhenium compound, ruthenium compound, osmium compound, molybdenum compound, tungsten compound, titanium compound, niobium compound, iridium compound and MgCl₂.
 - 11. A method according to claim 10 wherein the catalyst has a structure represented by

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$$\begin{array}{c|c}
X & \downarrow \\
M = C \\
X & \downarrow \\
R^{1}
\end{array}$$

- wherein M is Os, Ru or Ir; each R¹ is the same or different and is H, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, carboxylate, alkoxy, allenylidenyl, indenyl, alkylalkenylcarboxy, alkenylalkoxy, alkenylaryl, alkynylalkoxy, aryloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl, amino or amido; X is the same or different and is either an anionic or a neutral ligand group; and L is the same or different and is a neutral electron donor group.
 - 12. A method according to claim 11 wherein X is Cl, Br, I, F, CN, SCN, N₃, O-alkyl or O-aryl; L is a heterocyclic ring or Q(R²)_a wherein Q is P, As, Sb or N; R² is H, cycloalkyl, alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, arylate, amino, alkylamino, arylamino, amido or a heterocyclic ring; and a is 1, 2 or 3; M is Ru; and R¹ is H, phenyl, -CH=C(phenyl)₂, -CH=C(CH₃)₂ or -C(CH₃)₂(phenyl).
 - 13. A method according to claim 10 wherein the catalyst is a phosphine-substituted, an imidazolylidene-substituted, or a dihydroimidazolylidene-substituted ruthenium carbene.

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- 14. A method according to claim 13 wherein the catalyst is bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)benzylidene ruthenium (IV) dichloride, tricyclohexylphosphine[1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazol-2-ylidene][benzylidene]ruthenium (IV) dichloride, or tricyclohexylphosphine[1,3-bis(2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-imidazol-2-ylidene]ruthenium (IV) dichloride.
- 15. A method according to claim 1 wherein the catalyst is stable in the presence of moisture and oxygen and can initiate polymerization of the metathesizable material upon contact at room temperature.
- 16. A method according to claim 1 wherein the metathesizable material is selected from ethene, α -alkene, acyclic alkene, acyclic diene, acetylene, cyclic alkene, cyclic polyene and mixtures thereof.
- 17. A method according to claim 16 wherein the metathesizable material comprises a cycloolefin.
- 18. A method according to claim 17 wherein the metathesizable material is a monomer or oligomer selected from norbornene, cycloalkene, cycloalkadiene, cycloalkatriene, cycloalkatetraene, aromatic-containing cycloolefin and mixtures thereof.
- 19. A method according to claim 18 wherein the metathesizable material has a structure represented by

or
$$R^{1}$$
 R^{1} R^{1}

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or
$$R^1$$
 R^1 R^1 R^2 R^1 R^2

or
$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$X$$
 R_1
 R_2

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wherein X is CH₂, CHR³, C(R³)₂, O, S, N-R³, P-R³, O=P-R³, Si(R³)₂, B-R³ or As-R³; each R¹ is independently H, CH₂, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, halogen, halogenated alkyl, halogenated alkenyl, alkoxy, oxyalkyl, carboxyl, carbonyl, amido, (meth)acrylate-containing group, anhydride-containing group, thioalkoxy, sulfoxide, nitro, hydroxy, keto, carbamato, sulfonyl, sulfinyl, carboxylate, silanyl, cyano or imido; R² is a fused aromatic, aliphatic or heterocyclic or polycyclic ring; and R³ is alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl or alkoxy..

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20. A method according to claim 17 wherein the metathesizable material comprises ethylidenenorbornene monomer or oligomer, dicyclopentadiene or bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl-trichlorosilane.

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- 21. A method for bonding a fibrous substrate to an elastomeric substrate comprising:
 - (a) applying a catalyst on the fibrous substrate;
- (b) contacting the catalyst on the fibrous substrate with a metathesizable material so that the metathesizable material undergoes a metathesis reaction;
 - (c) contacting the fibrous substrate with the elastomeric substrate to form a

composite material; and

- (d) curing said composite material.
- 22. A method according to claim 21 wherein the catalyst has a structure represented by

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
X & \downarrow \\
M = C \\
X & \downarrow \\
R^{1}
\end{array}$$

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wherein M is Os, Ru or Ir; each R¹ is the same or different and is H, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, carboxylate, alkoxy, allenylidenyl, indenyl, alkylalkenylcarboxy, alkenylalkoxy, alkenylaryl, alkynylalkoxy, aryloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl, amino or amido; X is the same or different and is either an anionic or a neutral ligand group; and L is the same or different and is a neutral electron donor group.

- 23. A method according to claim 22 wherein X is Cl, Br, I, F, CN, SCN, N₃, O-alkyl or O-aryl; L is a heterocyclic ring or Q(R²)_a wherein Q is P, As, Sb or N; R² is H, cycloalkyl, alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, arylate, amino, alkylamio, arylamino, amido or a heterocyclic ring; and a is 1, 2 or 3; M is Ru; and R¹ is H, phenyl, -CH=C(phenyl)₂, -CH=C(CH₃)₂ or -C(CH₃)₂(phenyl).
- 24. A method according to claim 21 wherein the catalyst is a phosphinesubstituted, an imidazolylidene-substituted, or a dihydroimidazolylidene-substituted ruthenium carbene.
 - 25. A method according to claim 24 wherein the catalyst is bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)benzylidene ruthenium (IV) dichloride, tricyclohexylphosphine[1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazol-2-ylidene][benzylidene]ruthenium (IV) dichloride, or tricyclohexylphosphine[1,3-bis(2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-imidazol-2-ylidene][benzylidene]ruthenium (IV) dichloride.
 - 26. A method according to claim 21 wherein the metathesizable material comprises a cycloolefin.

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- 27. A method according to claim 26 wherein the metathesizable material is a monomer or oligomer selected from norbornene, cycloalkene, cycloalkadiene, cycloalkatriene, cycloalkatetraene, aromatic-containing cycloolefin and mixtures thereof.
- 28. A method according to claim 27 wherein the metathesizable material comprises a norbornene having a structure represented by

$$R^{1} \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow R^{1} R^{1}$$

$$R^{1} \longrightarrow R^{1}$$

$$R^{1} \longrightarrow R^{1}$$

or

or

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{1} & X & R^{1} \\
R^{1} & R^{1} & R^{1}
\end{array}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R_1$$

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wherein X is CH₂, CHR³, C(R³)₂, O, S, N-R³, P-R³, O=P-R³, Si(R³)₂, B-R³ or As-R³; each R¹ is independently H, CH₂, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, halogen, halogenated alkyl, halogenated alkenyl, alkoxy, oxyalkyl, carboxyl, carbonyl, amido, (meth)acrylate-containing group, anhydride-containing group, thioalkoxy, sulfoxide, nitro, hydroxy, keto, carbamato, sulfonyl, sulfinyl, carboxylate, silanyl, cyano or imido; R² is a fused aromatic, aliphatic or heterocyclic or polycyclic ring; and R³ is alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl or alkoxy.

- 29. A method according to claim 26 wherein the metathesizable material comprises ethylidenenorbornene monomer or oligomer, dicyclopentadiene or bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl-trichlorosilane.
 - 30. A method according to claim 21 wherein the fibrous substrate is polyester, nylon or polyamide.
 - 31. A method according to claim 30 wherein the second substrate surface is selected from the group consisting of natural rubber, polychloroprene, polybutadiene, polyisoprene, styrene-butadiene copolymer rubber, acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymer rubber, ethylene-propylene copolymer rubber, ethylene-propylene copolymer rubber, butyl rubber, brominated butyl rubber, alkylated chlorosulfonated polyethylene rubber, hydrogenated nitrile rubber, silicone rubber, fluorosilicone rubber, poly(n-butyl acrylate), thermoplastic elastomer and mixtures thereof.
- 32. A method according to claim 31 wherein the elastomeric substrate is natural rubber or ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymer rubber.
 - 33. A method according to claim 21 wherein steps (a) and (b) take place at room temperature.
 - 34. A manufactured article produced by the method of claim 1.
 - 35. A manufactured article comprising a fibrous substrate sandwiched between and bonded to a second substrate surface and a third substrate and an adhesive layer interposed between the fibrous substrate and the second substrate and the third substrate wherein the second and third substrate comprise a rubber material and the adhesive layer comprises a metathesis polymer.

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comprises a metathesis polymer.

36. A manufactured article according to claim 35 wherein the metathesis polymer is produced from a norbornene monomer having a structure represented by

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$
or

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{R^{1}} R^{1}$$

or

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{1}$$

$$R^{2}$$
or

 $R^{1} \xrightarrow{X} R^{2} R^{1}$ $R^{1} \xrightarrow{R^{1}} R^{1}$

or

$$X$$
 R_1
 R_1

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wherein X is CH_2 , CHR^3 , $C(R^3)_2$, O, S, N-R³, P-R³, O=P-R³, Si(R³)₂, B-R³ or As-R³; each R¹ is independently H, CH_2 , alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, halogen, halogenated alkyl, halogenated alkenyl, alkoxy, oxyalkyl, carboxyl, carbonyl, amido, (meth)acrylate-containing group, anhydride-containing group, thioalkoxy, sulfoxide, nitro, hydroxy, keto, carbamato, sulfonyl, sulfinyl, carboxylate, silanyl, cyano or imido; R² is a fused aromatic, aliphatic or heterocyclic or polycyclic ring; and R³ is alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl or alkoxy.

- 37. A manufactured article according to claim 35 wherein the metathesis polymer is produced from a norbornene monomer comprising ethylidenenorbornene, dicyclopentadiene or bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2-yl-trichlorosilane.
 - 38. A method for providing a coating on a fibrous substrate comprising:
 - (a) providing a catalyst on the fibrous substrate; and
 - (b) contacting the catalyst on the fibrous substrate with a material that undergoes a metathesis reaction to form a coating on the fibrous substrate.
 - 39. A method according to claim 38 wherein the catalyst is included as a component of the fibrous substrate.
 - 40. A method according to claim 38 wherein the catalyst is selected from at least one of a rhenium compound, ruthenium compound, osmium compound, molybdenum compound, tungsten compound, titanium compound, niobium compound, iridium compound and MgCl₂.
 - 41. A method according to claim 40 wherein the catalyst has a structure represented by

$$\begin{array}{c|c} X & \stackrel{L}{\downarrow} \\ X & \stackrel{M}{\downarrow} = C \\ X & \stackrel{R^1}{\downarrow} \end{array}$$

wherein M is Os, Ru or Ir; each R¹ is the same or different and is H, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyl, aryl, alkaryl, aralkyl, carboxylate, alkoxy, allenylidenyl, indenyl,

alkylalkenylcarboxy, alkenylalkoxy, alkenylaryl, alkynylalkoxy, aryloxy, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylthio, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfinyl, amino or amido; X is the same or different and is either an anionic or a neutral ligand group; and L is the same or different and is a neutral electron donor group.

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- 42. A method according to claim 41 wherein X is Cl, Br, I, F, CN, SCN, N₃,
 O-alkyl or O-aryl; L is a heterocyclic ring or Q(R²)_a wherein Q is P, As, Sb or N; R² is H, cycloalkyl, alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, arylate, amino, alkylamino, arylamino, amido or a heterocyclic ring; and a is 1, 2 or 3; M is Ru; and R¹ is H, phenyl, -CH=C(phenyl)₂,
 -CH=C(CH₃)₂ or -C(CH₃)₂(phenyl).
 - 43. A method according to claim 40 wherein the catalyst is a phosphine-substituted, an imidazolylidene-substituted, or a dihydroimidazolylidene-substituted ruthenium carbene.

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44. A method according to claim 43 wherein the catalyst is bis(tricyclohexylphosphine)benzylidene ruthenium (IV) dichloride, tricyclohexylphosphine[1,3-bis(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-dihydroimidazol-2-ylidene][benzylidene]ruthenium (IV) dichloride, or tricyclohexylphosphine[1,3-bis(2,3,6-trimethylphenyl)-4,5-imidazol-2-ylidene][benzylidene]ruthenium (IV) dichloride.

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45. A method according to claim 38 wherein the metathesizable material is selected from ethene, α -alkene, acyclic alkene, acyclic diene, acetylene, cyclic alkene, cyclic polyene and mixtures thereof.

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46. A method according to claim 45 wherein the metathesizable material is a monomer or oligomer selected from norbornene, cycloalkene, cycloalkadiene, cycloalkatriene, cycloalkatetraene, aromatic-containing cycloolefin and mixtures thereof.

47. A method according to claim 38 wherein the metathesizable material

comprises ethylidenenorbornene, dicyclopentadiene or bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-5-en-2yl-

trichlorosilane.

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48. A method according to claim 38 wherein the fibrous substrate is fiberglass, polyester, polyamide or cotton.